



Wilmington Convention Center

Highlights

- Largest convention center on North Carolina coast
- To be built and operated without property tax dollars – funded by 3% hotel room tax
- Site includes 12,000 square foot event lawn on the waterfront
- Riverfront center to be regional facility with public access
- Construction and operation of center to include "green" building enhancements

What

- Approximately 107,000 square-foot facility along banks of Cape Fear River
 - Over 63,000 square feet of flexible meeting space that includes:
 - 12,000 square foot Grand Ballroom, divisible into 6 units
 - 30,000 square foot Exhibit Hall with drive-on floor
 - 6,150 square feet of meeting space, divisible into 8 separate rooms, each with A/V services, lighting controls, Internet and sound systems
 - 15,000+ square feet of pre-function area
 - 30-foot high ceilings
 - Full service banquet kitchen
- 581-space parking deck immediately adjacent to center
- Covered outdoor seating area with views of the Cape Fear River
- Short walk to Wilmington's Historic District, restaurants and shops

Why

- Will create additional jobs in our economy
- New business resulting from having Southeastern U.S. regional facility to host large events
- Additional tax base
 - \$600,000 annually (City)
 - \$900,000 annually (County)

Where

- 9-acre site on Cape Fear River on Nutt Street in downtown Wilmington

When

- Ground broken in December 2007
- Construction began in March 2008
- Expect to open in fall 2010

Other Amenities

- Construction and opening of Riverwalk immediately in front of and along the north side of the facility
- Roadway, sidewalk, street lighting and landscaping improvements around the facility